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R. EMMETT STEWART, EDITOR.

Crane like flowers in May seem to be nature's latest off-Spring. See the calamities! A. Pop.

March the yearly lion of the year has roared herself out of wind and now passes the deal to showery April.

A Great Change. How? Why? The negro is beginning to turn up his nose and sneeringly disregard the American idiot and sensualist. That is, he treats as a scullion and an ass that man, or being who is base and fool enough to be snubbed and controlled by prejudice.

Let the blind see and the deaf hear. The plotting and counter plotting against the negro. He surely is giving great concern to somebody. He is a record breaker and it is well known that if left unbridled unhampered and alone he will distance his white competitors and prove the philosophy of displacement.

RAIL ROAD.

It now develops that to Langston a rail road is one of the sureties. The projectors of this enterprise report very favorably and claim that work will begin in a short while and pushed rapidly to completion. This will give to Langston that advantage which will enable it without doubt to outstrip all competitors, and rival the expectations of the most sanguine admirer. Langston has undergone all the tests and borne almost every conceivable trial and today can proudly boast of a firm footing, a steady and peerless prosperity and progress.

Langston is the basic rock of America's purest freedom and the threshold where Americans cross and vie peacefully in the super-excellence of equal, free and untrammeled rights.

How pleasant to recall the single geared symphonious jingling of the one humped dromedary of the "Daily Leader." He certainly is a great animal and from the way he equals at the back the scope of the Capital, whose financial proboscis seems to be for two years in almost everything territorial, one would infer that this pig had been crowded out of the slop trough. Right here we hope that if the jet-bird belabored of the Langston City Herald was mistaken in charging that the odor arising from the mill between the Leader and Capital, squabblers was, like unto that of two pole cats. We repeat, that if mistaken in our first conjecture that the mistake stood corrected and that since we have the species, we may be permitted to say that a chuck is sweet by any other name.

deny how you will. So brawl on Gentlemen.

THE STANDARD EDITOR.—"Twist Twist" Fortune the versatile editor of the New York Sun, received quite a contribution at the hands of the Chicago Conservator last week. It is now his turn to explain a little. "Twist Twist" will no doubt twist himself alight as he has twisted many a time before. We have no comment to make upon Bre's. "Twist Twist," laudation of the South other than to say, it is always dead wrong when the Negro comes into question.

CHASE GOES TO JAIL.

CONSERVATIVE. The editor of the Washington Bee will spend ninety days in jail for libeling recorder Taylor. His lawyers plead for mercy but the judge would hear to some form of punishment. In passing sentence he called attention to the fact that there had been no retraction of the charges made by Chase against Taylor, and the criticisms of other newspapers referred to could in no way justify Chase for the attacks he had made. Whatever other newspapers might have said would not affect his liability for unlawful acts. Judge Cole said he believed the suspension of the sentence in this case would be a virtual declaration that one is at liberty in the District to assail the character of any man under penalty of only a fine. He regarded Chase's offense as unwarranted and persistent and such as could be adequately punished only by imprisonment. He then announced the term as for ninety days.

CAPITAL.—The following was sent out from Georgia, imputed to Major McKinley:

"If the republican party should declare for free silver I would decline to become its candidate and I would quit the party forever."

McKinley hastened to deny this and to plant himself on the republican platform of '92. One position is as bad as the other. The platform means nothing. Eastern republicans have ignored it in every action. Two-thirds of the people of this nation demand a man for president who is a platform in himself—a man who stands as a signally for free coinage of American silver as McKinley does for protective tariff. The "straddling" racket will no longer fool the people. The only way McKinley can be nominated for president is to come out flatfooted for the free coinage of the American silver product. If he is afraid to do this, he is doomed. The good old and good devil business has played out. The people want straight goods, without equivocation, and will tolerate nothing else.

THE NEGRO EDITOR.

A newspaper editor is only human, and in making mistakes and neglecting duty he is often very human. It seems that the mistakes and neglect of a Negro editor are noticed quicker and more readily than those of anybody else, too—unless it be the always convenience and handy target for public criticism, the Negro preacher. It must be so from the fact that more is expected from the publisher of a Negro newspaper than can possibly be shouldered and carried by him; but at times the publisher gets weary and negligent of duty, and the quick, perceptive eye of the public rights him napping before he has fully realized it himself. The local news gatherer is then twitted and criticised and if he is patient and made of the material a public servant should be, he will redouble his efforts to win and please until he becomes weary and careless again. The newspaper life is almost a desperate one, at times, dear reader, and charity and liberality should be mingled with your criticism.

We, as newspaper men, do not expect leniency, however from those for whom we work for such little remuneration—we have learned by experience that the performance of certain duties is required and if those duties are not performed, censure and con-

demnation will certainly result. It is no wonder that we become negligent. There is pleasure in the newspaper life when the editor is sure he has done his work well; there is anything but pleasure when he thinks he has slighted that which he ought not to have slighted. Everything he does is reflecting to the community as an object before a mirror. He keenly feels his responsibility and though jeered at, criticised and rebuked, must continue to do his work well if he can hope for success. He fully learns the lessons of charity and hopes only a share to be extended to him.—St. Joseph Mirror.

THE FEGAN BILL AGAIN.

CAPITAL. When the Fegan bill was reported on favorably and at the time this paper gave it endorsement, it was in reasonably fair condition. The committee of the whole, in the council, handled the bill roughly and in its present form there are some injustices in it.

It costs the county clerk \$1,200, which is all wrong, as no officer, except the treasurer, has so much hard and intricate work. The clerk's salary and that of the treasurer, should be at least \$1,500, in the larger counties, and no less than a thousand dollars in the smaller counties. In these offices all the accounts of the county are kept and the law makes the work complicated and rigid.

It would be proper to leave the clerk's salary and fees as they are since they net him only about \$1,500 a year.

The treasurer's salary has been one of the great injustices of our laws. The treasurer in this county, for instance, puts up a bond of \$100,000 and gets but \$1,000 a year. The court decided, on issuing a writ of mandamus, that he could not run the office on less than \$1,800 a year. The Fegan bill raises the salary to \$1,250—\$250 too low—and cuts the clerk hire down to \$1,000 a year, a sum inadequate to run the office in this county and in several other counties of Oklahoma.

The salary of register of deeds is at \$2,500 is now adjusted about right. In the larger counties it costs at least \$1,000 for clerk hire, which leaves a salary \$1,500. The bill, as it came from the committee of the whole, places it at \$2,250, which, clerk hire out, would leave him only \$1,250 salary—a salary too low. A prosperous year would, in any of the large counties, consume me very probably all this salary, if the work were not neglected.

The section which allows no fees to officers for serving papers in misdemeanor cases is likely to produce dangerous results. Any theft under \$20 is a petty larceny, a misdemeanor. What incentive would there be for a sheriff to hunt down a cow thief, a burglar or any of the petty criminals, and how long would it be before this country would be swarming with such. An officer would find the "endeavor" clause of the law fulfilled before he had walked a mile or spent a cent and on the back about all the warrants for petty thieving would be marked "not found." Officers can not be expected to spend money and time, and expose themselves to danger, without hope of remuneration.

The court features of the bill, the clause relating to annual reports and many of the details of the bill are excellent and will legitimately save thousands of dollars of county expense. But in adjusting county salaries there should be no unfair, parsimonious spirit shown. The public service depends on efficiency, and the salaries and restrictions, while being as economical as consistent with good service, should not be put so low as to endanger the public welfare and hamper officials in a rightful performance of their duty.

In adjusting the courts, there seems to be a disposition to curtail to extreme meagerness the jurisdiction and salary of probate judges. It is important to the people that the probate courts be given equal jurisdiction in all matters with the district

courts and none but a first-class lawyer should be eligible to this office, and to get a capable lawyer the salary should not be cut to less than \$1,500, with at least \$600 a year for clerk hire.

It is probable, however, that before this bill becomes a law the inequalities which have got into it will be properly adjusted, to the end that the best possible services may be obtained and yet no unjust blocks be put under the wheels of public business.

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If you'll send us the name of the people living outside of your resident we will send them a paper free of charge.

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Take The Herald

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We are offering this paper at a great reduction. Read article above in this column.

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OUR 50 COLUMN.

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Please don't treat us so unjust by allowing your neighbor to read your paper every week. Tell them to send to this office and subscribe for it as you had to do.

It is not necessary that forces us to make this low offer on the Herald, but it is the love we have for our race and our anxiety to have them reside in this fair land which prompts us to make this inducement in order that our people living at a distance may read and know of the true conditions of this country.

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Ha! Ha! It tickles my very soul when I gaze at my fine claim in Oklahoma which is the result of my subscribing for the Langston City Herald.

Umph! Umph! I ought to have the back part of my head kicked off for not subscribing for the Herald and getting me a claim like Pete Lee did.

WELL DONT GRIEVE FRIEND,

For we are now going to give you a chance to correct that gross mistake.

This Is the Greatest and Last

Reduction we will make on the Herald before the great coming "Kickapoo Land Opening" and if you miss this it will be through your own negligence.

HERE'S OUR OFFER

If you will get up 3 names and send them in to us we will send The Herald to each address 1 year for \$1.50 each.

WAIT: WE CAN BEAT THAT.

If you will get us 5 names and send them in to us we will send This Paper to each address 1 year for \$1.25 each.

THIS ONE CAPS THE CLIMAX.

The last but not least; If you will get up a club of 10 Subscribers and send in their names together with \$1.25 each and we will send the Herald to each address for one year. We make this inducement for the benefit of those interested in the coming Opening, and having our paper in such a fine shape now we can easily afford this medium of advertising our sheet.

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